

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application which is a PCT application designating the United States. Applicants have also amended the specification to add the required headings to be consistent with United States patent practice. Applicants have amended claims 1-16 to more fully conform with U.S. practice and to delete multiple dependencies. None of the amendments constitute new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. §132.

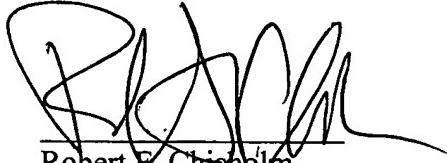
Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report, which issued on International Application number PCT/NO03/00126, of which the present application is a continuation. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the specification, and respectfully request their entry.

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Any questions regarding this application may be directed to Applicants' undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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